

14. (Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein each aromatic hydrocarbon is [ondependently] independently selected from the group consisting of benzene, perylene, phenanthrene, anthracene, naphthalene, pyrene, chrysene, and naphthacene.

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15. (Amended) The method of any of claims 1-8, wherein the hedgehog polypeptide is modified one or more times with a C7-C30 alkyl or cycloalkyl.

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21. (Amended) A therapeutic preparation of a lipophilic modified hedgehog polypeptide provided in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and in an amount sufficient to promote survival of, or enhance functional performance of [exotoxin] excitotoxin-sensitive neuronal cells in a mammal.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending, and claims 1, 9, 14, 15, and 21 have been amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter is being entered. If any clarification of the Restriction Requirement or the above response would facilitate prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (617) 832-1000. Applicants hereby request that any fee required for timely consideration of this application be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1448.

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